

BUTTE NEWS.

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The City Almost Unanimously Selects Four School Trustees.

TREMENDOUS MASS MEETING

J. V. Long, M. T. Burke, J. B. Frederic and A. T. Morgan Are the Choice of the People - Another Meeting.

A tremendous mass meeting of citizens was held at the Auditorium last night to nominate candidates for school trustees, and by an almost unanimous vote endorsed the candidates nominated at the meeting held at No. 11 East Granite street Thursday night. These are Joseph V. Long, Michael T. Burke, John B. Frederic and Augustus T. Morgan. The Auditorium meeting was an adjourned meeting of the informal affair held at the court house the evening before. There was a well-founded report that the A. P. A. intended to pack the meeting at the Auditorium last night, and the result fully bore out the report, but the attempt proved a failure, for the friends of the public schools and the good citizens of Butte were present in force and the A. P. A. recognizing the hopelessness of its numbers, gave up the intention of controlling the nominations and bolted the meeting. It went to the city hall and put up a separate ticket.

By 8 o'clock, the hour named for the Auditorium meeting, there were about 1,000 people in the big hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman W. McC. White, and Secretary M. D. Leachey read the minutes of the court house caucus, after which the committee appointed to examine the new school law as to the qualifications of trustees reported that "it provides that any qualified elector shall be competent to hold office as school trustee, and that men and women are qualified electors, provided they are citizens of the United States and have resided within the state one year and within the school district 30 days next preceding the election at which they offer to vote."

The committee's report was received, after which Judge J. J. McHaffon presented for endorsement the candidates nominated at the Thursday night meeting. He said he did not believe that better or more representative men could be nominated than Long, Frederic, Burke and Morgan. His reference to the A. P. A. secret meeting nominations in the past had the effect of silencing Mr. Bocher. Judge McHaffon said that the Thursday meeting was attended by nearly 100 of the most representative citizens of Butte and was an open called meeting, to which everybody was invited and welcomed.

W. H. Sweet also called attention to the fact that all the suburbs, over which Mr. Bocher had so much concern, were represented on the board by the three holdover trustees. After these brief talks, the motion put by Judge McHaffon was carried by a roar of "ayes." There were some loud "noes," but they were few in number.

Pat Conlon then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted: "Resolved, That we, the citizens of Butte, assembled in mass meeting, do most emphatically condemn the present school board for its mismanagement of the affairs of school district No. 1, particularly in regard to the scandals connected with the erection of the High school building, as brought to light in the recent grand jury investigation."

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting of citizens of Butte that reform is necessary and must be had in the affairs of the school district and we insist that the schools of the district shall be conducted in an honest and businesslike manner, and that the taxpayers shall receive full value for every dollar of school tax."

The chairman and secretary of the meeting were instructed to certify the nominations to the county clerk and recorder, and then the meeting adjourned.

The Other Meeting.
The A. P. A. bolters, headed by Malcolm Gillis, Pope Caldwell, School Trustee Curtis, John Cannon, J. B. Knight, School Clerk W. H. Paxson, William Thompson, Chance Harris and a few others, marched to the city hall and held another meeting. By the time Mr. Gillis had called the meeting to order and announced that they had adjourned to the city hall because they could not capture the Auditorium meeting, there were a hundred or more present. J. W. Chapman was selected as chairman and Charles Shawmeyer, E. R. Curtis and Sam Reynolds. On motion of Mr. Gillis a committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of C. L. Wood, S. B. Miles, C. L. Harris, John Bryce and C. S. Jackson. The committee was given 24 hours in which to "resolve" and another meeting will be held to-night for the purpose of receiving the report. In advocating his motion Mr. Gillis most

vigorously and perhaps consistently denounced secret meetings and star chamber sessions, packed conventions, etc.

"THE TWO GOVERNORS"

Another Large House Kept in an Uproar of Delight.

"The Two Governors" kept the audience at the opera house last night in a continuous roar of laughter. This excellent comedy has added still more to the popularity of the company now appearing nightly at the Murray. Grover, Jr., did his best work last night in the character of the old boat builder. It was one of the best bits of comedy character acting ever seen here. It has given fresh evidence of Mr. Grover's versatility. The company surpassed themselves in "The Two Governors." The stage settings were very handsome, the second act, however, excepted. The boatman's home, who, according to all trending in that direction, should be a neat, comfortable home, suggestively marine and furnished accordingly. The boatman's boy and girl are well brought up, receiving an education fitting them for a higher place in the social scale. In the setting last night a piano was conspicuous, a practical intimation that the boatman's daughter is accomplished and with all this the staging of the boatman's home is about the worst thing seen in the opera house for many a long day. With a theater reputed to be one of the best stocked in the country, there should be no excuse for such lack of stage management. The play did not in the least take from the excellence of the acting by the entire company. The roaring success of "My Son-in-Law" will be given to-day at the matinee. To-night "The Two Governors" will be repeated; Sunday evening, "Cad, the Tombboy." Next week opens with "The Private Secretary."

TRADE REVIEW.

Dun's Report.
New York, March 19.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade for to-morrow will say: Though steadily increasing, business is still much below its volume in former years of prosperity and many express disappointment. Yet there is some gain every week, with more hands at work and more mills in operation and the sure result, larger purchases for consumption, cannot long be delayed. In some branches it is felt already. There is a larger distribution of finished products and the demand for commercial loans has sharply increased, especially in dry goods, iron and steel branches. The progress of the iron and steel industry is hindered by the uncertainty regarding the cost of like ore for the coming year.

While there is no great activity in finished products, the demand steadily increases. Contracts for several great buildings at Chicago are pending and for a good many bridges and other railroad works, and the demand for wire nails and for wire does not abate, nor the demand for black sheets required in tin plate manufacture. Lead is inactive at \$5.75, copper is weaker, although the trifling decrease in production in this country is practically balanced by the small increase in production elsewhere.

The buying of wool, mainly of a speculative character in expectation of new duties, continued remarkably large. Sales at the three chief markets for the past week were 10,801,500 pounds, and for the three weeks have been 25,755,500 pounds, of which 15,625,200 were domestic, whereas the largest transactions in any previous year at this season were 17,105,536 pounds in the corresponding weeks of 1892, of which 11,886,625 were domestic. No great increase has yet appeared in the demand for goods, although a few more mills have found enough orders to start, anticipating future demand. The expectation of new duties does not yet influence the goods market as might be expected.

Failures for the week were 235 against 261 last year.

Bradstreet's Report.

New York, March 19.—Bradstreet's will say to-morrow: Another week of irregular trade brings an element of disturbance. The outlook for a fight over the new tariff bill and the disappointment among manufacturers of woolen goods, silks, cutlery and other lines at various tariff schedules. Spring trade in jobbing lines is over, collections are slow and at many points there is no change in demand or supply, except for cheaper grades of goods. Threatened overflows in the Central and Mississippi valley have restricted the country order trade and rain and high water have exercised a similar influence in the Ohio valley and in South Atlantic and Gulf states. The movement of general merchandise is also checked at the North by unfavorable demand. The cotton goods trade is disappointing and manufacturers have moved some lines only at concessions in prices. Iron and steel industries appear less likely to expand in the near future. Practically lower prices for Bessemer pig and for billets seem to have been the result of speculative over-purchasing at the late revival in expectation of an advance which has not shown itself.

Delay in fixing lake ore prices has also had an influence. There is less demand for American iron and steel for export, particularly for the larger centers. The feeling of encouragement is stronger among merchants at the prospect for continued improvement in trade, yet the increase in volume of business in dry goods, groceries, hats and clothing, as compared with preceding weeks and with the like work in previous years, does not equal anticipations.

Bank Clearings.

New York, March 19.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Inc. Dec.
New York	\$22,135,184 1.4
Chicago	7,741,720 11.1
Boston	8,109,210 6.1
Philadelphia	5,085,208 5.1
St. Louis	24,414,729 2.5
San Francisco	11,822,185 11.2
Baltimore	14,341,961 2.7
Pittsburgh	12,065,276 5.1
Cincinnati	11,221,200 11.8
Kansas City	9,512,256 3.1
New Orleans	8,920,556 7.5
Pittsburgh	5,346,529 16.2
Milwaukee	2,814,291 22.6
Detroit	5,319,570 8.7
Salt Lake	1,105,967 25.3
Portland, Ore.	876,163 1.3
Seattle	455,989 20.9
Tacoma	373,321 18.8
Spokane	549,442 31.0
Galveston	4,531,300 7.1
Totals, U. S.	\$61,180,625 7.8

TO U. S. SUPREME COURT.

The Case of the "Examiner" Editors Appealed to the High Tribunal.

San Francisco, March 19.—Managing Editor A. M. Lawrence and Reporter L. L. Levings of the Examiner will have to apply to the United States supreme court before they can regain their liberty. The men were ordered to jail by the state senate for refusing to tell where they got the information which led to the charges of bribery preferred by the Examiner against members of the legislature. The action of the senate has been upheld by the court and was upheld by the supreme court of the state, and to-day application was made to United States District Judge San Francisco for the release of the charges of writs of habeas corpus. Judge Morrow refusing to grant the writs, but released the men on \$1,000 bail each, pending an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

VOTE ON FREE BOOKS

The Petition Containing the Required 100 Names Is Filed.

SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE

In Addition to Casting Ballots for School Trustees This Proposition Will Be Voted on—Those Who Signed.

At the annual school election to be held Saturday, April 3, the qualified electors of school district No. 1, comprising the cities of Butte and Walkerville and the townships of Centerville and Meaderville will, in addition to casting their ballots for school trustees, be given the privilege of voting on the free text book proposition, in accordance with the provisions of the bill passed by the Fifth legislative assembly of Montana. This bill provides that if a petition, signed by 100 legal voters, either male or female, of any incorporated city shall be presented to the board of education 15 days preceding a regular annual school election, praying for the submission of the free text book proposition, it shall be the duty of said board to notify the voters of such district than an election "for" or "against" free text books will be held at the next ensuing school election. The bill further provides that in the event of the proposition carrying, the board of education shall purchase, at the expense of the school district, all the text books required for the use of the pupils, who shall be loaned the books free of charge.

A good many of the voters of Butte expected that the 15 days' limit would pass without the presentation of the required petition of 100 signers, but such was not the case, for yesterday, at the 11th hour, a petition containing the requisite number of names was filed with Clerk Paxson of the Butte board of education by T. J. Bocher. It contains the signatures of 164 legal voters of the school district, being headed by ex-Governor J. E. Rickard, and prays that the question of free text books be submitted at the ensuing school election. The signers are:

J. E. Rickard, J. R. McCracken, W. J. Jackson, R. H. Metz, James W. Forbis, C. M. Palmer, Albert Hall, W. K. Foote, W. V. Lawlor, J. D. Crossman, T. H. Mitchell, Julian Smith, W. F. Bartlett, E. A. Nichols, F. L. Grandey, W. F. Fitzgerald, L. S. Cohn, C. B. Hoskins, L. Frank, Louis Kuebler, M. L. Holland, John MacNaught, W. H. Lewis, C. H. Richardson, O. E. Lewis, J. W. Turner, F. P. Holbrook, George Pascoe, G. W. Harris, R. M. Renshaw, A. M. Towne, A. H. Symons, J. H. McQueney, Alex. J. Johnston, Charles Joyce, J. R. Wharton, Edwin Skinner, J. R. Bordeaux, J. E. Astle, W. U. Boyce, J. B. Pink, W. S. Lever, Walter Turner, Harry Custard, S. Pfaff, C. G. Ferrell, T. T. Baker, H. W. Hathaway, Charles Gardner, W. I. Lippincott, H. L. McWhirter, E. Siegel, S. W. Graves, A. F. Bethrind, Thomas F. Courtney, D. C. Courtney, M. Anderson, J. P. Brown, C. B. Hollywood, G. E. Bell, Joseph H. Harper, W. H. Forbis, C. Macdonald, F. O. Gilbert, J. R. Thompson, M. J. Elliott, Mrs. M. J. Elliott, C. B. Jolly, Mrs. Cora L. Jolly, F. J. Pelletier, Mrs. F. J. Pelletier, O. M. Hogsett, Mrs. O. M. Hogsett, H. C. Gray, N. Generaux, M. Anglin, J. M. Wilson, C. A. Morgan, E. G. Hulsinger, C. G. Johnson, J. C. Heilig, William Newton, G. F. Bartlett, T. H. Hawkin, W. O. Ferguson, E. Dule, Mrs. A. A. Clark, J. Mulvane, Arthur Peters, James Carr, Miss Calderhead, Mrs. F. Kerth, J. F. Kelly, H. J. Muldoon, S. P. Miles, J. F. Fox, J. L. Davies, C. Lane, Frank Hunter, John Roy, J. J. Murphy, F. L. Reber, T. R. Hinds, John Murphy.

As the petition has been filed in accordance with the provisions of the new law, the board of education will be compelled to hold a special meeting between now and election day, for the purpose of authorizing the posting of notices to the effect that the proposition of free text books will be submitted at the election on April 3. The submission of this question, however, will not necessitate the printing of separate tickets, as the free text book proposition will appear on the same ticket as the election of school trustees.

Calling Cards.
The correct visiting card is much smaller and thinner than those lately used, and the script also smaller than formerly. See samples at Butte office of Standard.

A. P. A. ARE GUESSING.

The City Hall Fellows Don't See Their Way Clear.

Mayor Thompson's city attorney, assistant city attorney, city clerk, assistant city clerk, street commissioner, aldermen, brothers of aldermen, policemen, brothers of policemen, registry agents and detectives, in convention assembled, next Monday, will have a delicate problem before them in the question of fusion with the populists. It is difficult to imagine Mayor Thompson and Aldermen Jack Byrne locking arms and marching side by side to the polls. Aldermen Byrne and the mayor have exchanged so many terms of endearment in the council chamber during the past year, that it is not likely they would make them allies would seem to be ludicrously out of the question.

It is said that the populists are very desirous of getting the office of mayor in the proposed fusion but the party of Mayor Thompson is not likely to surrender the office, for it means the surrender probably of all the appointive offices. The mayor is desirous of an endorsement and a vindication and his officials in convention assembled are very likely to grant it. An endorsement of Mayor Thompson without a renunciation of fusion with the populists would be a display of weakness which the officials in convention assembled are not likely to relish. If the populists don't get mayor they are likely to demand city treasurer and Tom McLaughlin is understood to be slated for that position. But to give the populists that office would necessitate shutting out A. N. Yoder, the present city treasurer, and that is not agreeable. To surrender police magistrate is likewise distasteful, and it is not likely that the populists would be satisfied with police magistrate only. There has been some talk of turning the convention of city officials into a citizens' meeting and putting up a citizens' ticket. This proposition has, however, been received with much favor, and the probabilities are that there will be no citizens' ticket. If the populists and the city officials fail to fuse it is said that William A. Shifelin will be put up by the populists for mayor and B. M. Lindsay for police magistrate.

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